

IMPORTANT NOTICE



17 MSS Food Services

Holiday Season Closure 2024/2025

Combined Mess Closure Dates: 21 Dec 24 – 4 Jan 25 inclusive.

Meal service ends following Lunch 20 Dec 24 and starts for Supper 5 Jan 25.

**Access to meals still available for live-in Pers during Closure on Cash basis (details below)*

LIVING-IN PERSONNEL – PERS ON RATION STRENGTH

Pers on ration strength are responsible for providing for themselves during periods of leave which exceed 48 hrs. (CFAO 36.21)

Background

According to QR&O 36.35 para 2, no daily ration shall be drawn for a person who is absent from the base, unit or element for a period of 48 hrs or more for any reason, except detached duty when continuing to draw unit rations.

Living-in members on monthly pay deduction for rations are not entitled to meals at no additional charge while on annual leave, regardless of the number of meals consumed during the period that they were entitled to meals. ***This is because, as per the Food Services Manual 4.2.8.2.1 para 98, their monthly meal plan is already abated by a value equal to 69 days per year to account for various types of leave. Thus the 69 days that are not paid by the members covers annual leave, statutory holidays, Christmas/New Years special leave, and short leave.***

Therefore, to prevent public subsidization, meal cards/access cards shall be withdrawn or voided during each period of annual leave. During these periods, members may still use public dining facilities to access meal service, but on a cash basis.

Procedures for Pers NOT Entitled to Rations

Living-in personnel on ration strength will automatically be assumed as on leave during the closure.

1. Arrange meals on the economy - This is the mbr's responsibility (ie. restaurant, order in, grocery store).

OR

2. Purchase Meals from Flight Feeding (taxes included) - Breakfast \$8.00 / Lunch & Supper \$16.00.

Pers may order meals that will be provided from the Flight Feeding Kitchen (Bldg 61 access via North entrance next to loading dock). Pick-up only. Ensure that you have your Military Identification Card in your possession when picking up meals.

Invoices will be issued for payment in mid-Jan 25, to be paid NLT 15 Feb 25. Cash or cheque only. Pers will be required to sign for meals upon receipt at the Flight Feeding Kitchen.

Breakfast, lunch and supper will be hot meals which are microwaveable.

Procedures for Pers Entitled to Rations

For those days on which pers are entitled to rations:

Meals: Pers may order meals that will be provided from the Flight Feeding Kitchen (Bldg 61 access via North entrance next to loading dock). Pick-up only. Ensure that you have your Military Identification Card in your possession when picking up meals.

Pers receiving meals will be required to sign for the meals on reception for accounting purposes, but will not be charged if they are on duty.

Breakfast, lunch and supper will be hot meals which are microwaveable.

Ordering Meals through Flight Feeding

Meal Hours

0700-1300 for pick up only

Contact Information

Flight Feeding Kitchen is at ext: 2140 or 204-833-2500 ext: 2140/ 5385. Leaving a voicemail message at this number is acceptable.

Ensure that the following information is included:

1. Name
2. Service Number (SN)
3. Unit
4. Contact number (work extension if on duty, cell)
4. Meal required (Breakfast/Lunch/Supper)
5. Pick-up time (within meal hours shown above)

Note: Requests for meals, whether through entitlement or as cash sale, must be provided minimum **1 hour** prior to the desired pick-up time to allow for preparation time, meal availability will begin at 0700. All advanced meal orders for next day pickup will be provided by 1300hrs.